

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2005

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met October 4, 2005, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

CONSENT AGENDA – Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting
2. 5 Approve Resolution #05-0054 for the soft match bridge project C40(332)
3. 10 Accept and place on file the keno audits for June 30, 2005
4. 11 Approve Resolution#05-0056 for Crane Meadows to Designate October 22, 2005 as Celebrate NEBRASKA day
5. 12 approve Resolution #05-0057 for additional collateral for County Clerk from Wells Fargo in the amount of \$240,000.00
6. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
7. Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Lancaster introduced Casey Sherlock the new County Surveyor and Public Works Director. Mr. Sherlock stated that he started Monday October 3 and has been busy. He stated he is excited to be here.

8 DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION FUNDS – Lancaster stated that she received an E-Mail from NACO regarding transportation funds. Washington is looking for funding for the hurricane disaster relief and is considering using transportation funds to do so. NACO suggested that Nebraska counties contact their senators and congressman expressing their concern. The transportation funds are used by all Nebraska counties to maintain and build county roads. Hall County receives about \$1.7 million dollars and the Hall County Handi bus program would also be affected. She stated that she would like to send a letter requesting that the senators watch this issue and make sure that the counties do not loose the funding.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to send a letter to the senators and congressman expressing concern on the transportation funds.

Hartman stated that Hall County is about 10 years behind on the road overlays and he thinks that it is important to support the hurricane relief effort. It doesn't make any difference where they take the money from it will affect some one.

Arnold stated that the county had discussed the keno fund and were not able to use them but the counties knew that they would be asked to help.

Eriksen stated that it is important to participate with the assistance for the hurricane relief but there is still an obligation to protect the taxpayers in Hall County.

Rye questioned if the funds would come solely from the transportation dollars. Lancaster stated that NCO is encouraging the counties to let the federal government know that they have concerns on using transportation dollars and to encourage the senators and congressman to make sure that there is not a disproportionate share coming from counties. This could be a hardship on rural counties.

Jeffries stated that the federal government is proposing to divert dollars to the south to rebuild road by using the transportation funds and this is not any different than the state of Nebraska when they have proposed to use the highway trust funds.

Arnold stated that these dollars are from the gasoline tax and the counties depend on these funds for roads. The public pays the tax and the more gasoline tax dollars collected, more roads are built.

Hartman stated that he will support the federal government using these dollars for the hurricane relief.

The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

**6 DISCUSS AND APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH HALL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR GPS/GIS SERVICES** - Arnold stated that the GIS committee and the computer committee have discussed this issue. The Hall County Airport Authority contacted the GIS department regarding some work that they need done on an airport runway. They need to establish points on the airport runway panels to use for pavement maintenance. . They have negotiated an interlocal agreement and have established a fee of \$60.00 an hour. Jake Ripp with GIS stated that the project could take about five or six weeks to complete and the work will be managed so it does not interfere with county work.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JOINING THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – Eriksen stated that there is still concern on the interlocal agreement but Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham has drafted a resolution that the county can sign to authorize entering into an agreement.

Eriksen made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve Resolution #05-0058 authorizing entering into an agreement to participate in the South Central Economic Development District. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS AND NAME CONTACT PERSON FOR HOMELESS HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT – Lancaster stated that the county received a letter from the City of Grand Island stating that they have received a \$36,950.00 grant for the completion of a homeless housing needs assessment and study. The county approved an interlocal agreement on this September 21, 2004. They have hired Kay Payne a consultant from the Center for Rural Research and Development with UNK to complete this project. They would like to have a representative from the county to participate in the study.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to authorize the chair to make an appointment to this committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Held a board of equalization meeting.

15 REGIONAL PLANNING – DISCUSS AND APPROVE FINAL PLAT OFR LUZENAC 4<sup>TH</sup> SUBDIVISION AND AUTHROIZE CHAIR TO SIGN SUBDIVISON AGREEMENT FOR LUZENAC 4<sup>TH</sup> SUB – Regional Planning Director Chad Nabity was present. This is the final plat for Luzenac Subdivision and the subdivision agreement. This does not transfer ownership of the land it only makes the land available for transfer.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the final plat for Luzenac 4<sup>th</sup> Subdivision and authorize the Chair to sign the subdivision agreement. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

C ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FOR REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER AND DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER – Mr. Nabity stated that Mick Reynolds was appointed to a NRD board and since this is an elected position he cannot serve on the regional planning commission board. Mr. Reynolds stated that his wife would be interested in taking his place on the board. Chad stated that they would like to have some one from the Wood River area and had a difficult time finding some one.

Jeffries stated that it would be nice to appoint his wife to serve would it may be a good idea to keep it open for applications.

Hartman made a motion to appoint Deb Reynolds to serve the unexpired term of Mick Reynolds on the Regional Planning Commission Board. No second to the motion. Motion failed.

In the letter to the board Mr. Nabity suggested advertising the position and taking applications. Lancaster stated that advertising in the newspaper is very expensive and suggested using GITV to advertise the position. Chad stated that this is a volunteer job and it is hard to find people to serve.

Eriksen suggested using a new article or a press release in the rural papers and also contacting the village boards seeking applications. He also suggested setting a deadline for the applications.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to direct Chad Nabity to create a public notice requesting applications for the Regional Planning Commission Board. He can also contact the village boards and use GITV to advertise the position. The applications will be accepted until October 28<sup>th</sup> and the county board can make the appointment on the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT  
Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

16b APPROVE EARLY CLAIM FOR MID PLAINS CENTER – This claim is for the tracker program at Mid Plains Center. It is to be paid from the special revenue fund from grant dollars. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the early claim for Mid Plains Center. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

17 EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
18 a EXECUTIVE SESSION UNION NEGOTIATIONS  
19 EXECUTIVE SESSION REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into executive session regarding the performance evaluation and union negotiations. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

17 10:02 a.m. executive session performance evaluation

18 10:04 a.m. to 10:07 a.m. union negotiations

19 10:08 a.m. to 10:23 a.m. real estate negotiations

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to present the performance evaluation to the employee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

18b DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Hall County Public Works Department and the Communications Workers of America AFL-CIO and authorize the Chair to sign.

19 REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS – Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to hire Jerry Janulewicz to assist with the real estate agreements of behalf of the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – He attended the computer committee meeting and the weed board meeting and everything is running smooth.

Eriksen – He stated that he met with Casey Sherlock yesterday and signed the necessary personnel records and met with Darrel Johnson at public works.

Rye – no report

Jeffries – He reported that the building and grounds department lost an employee and they advertised the position and received 30 applications. They are in the process of going through the applications. He also reported that the Corp has started work at the Hall County Park.

Lancaster - She reported that they are working on the information for the jail bond issue and have 20 presentations scheduled at this time.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. the next meeting will be November 1, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk